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FOR SCICOUNS

1. FOR SUBJECT MEETING COMMISSIONER ANDERS' LETTER TO PETROSYANTS DATED NOV. 26, 1974 CAN SERVE AS BACKGROUNDER. SALIENT POINTS IN EACH OF THE THREE MAJOR AREAS OF COOPERATION ARE:

(A) CONTROLLED THERMONUCLEAR RESEARCH. AEC GENERALLY . PLEASED WITH PROGRESS IN CTR COOPERATION SINCE IT HAS PROCEEDED IN A REASONABLY WELL-BALANCED MANNER WHICH HAS REFLECTED MUTUAL BENEFIT, EQUALITY, AND RECIPROCITY.
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(B) FUNDAMENTAL PROPERTIES OF MATTER. AEC IS HOPEFUL THAT COOPERATION IN THIS AREA WILL IMPROVE FURTHER WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DETAILED PLANNING AND FOR ESTABLISHING JCC ALONG LINES SPECIFIED IN USAEC/SCAE JOINT COMMITTEE RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS OF OCT. 10, 1974 FOLLOWING MOSCOW JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND IN IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. US MEMBERS OF THE

WORKING GROUP WERE COMMUNICATED TO CHUVILO BY STATE 265842 OF DEC. 4, 1974. AS YET, AEC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED NAMES OF SOVIET MEMBERS. ADDITIONALLY, AEC FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO IMPRESS UPON PETROSYANTS THAT IF US AND USSR ARE TO HAVE MEANINGFUL COOPERATION ESPECIALLY FOR LONG-TERM ASSIGNMENTS US SCIENTIST AND FAMILIES VISITING OR WORKING IN SOVIET FACILITIES SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS WELCOMED MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH CARL AKERLOF WHO WORKED AT SERPUKHOV FOR 6 MONTHS AND HAS JUST RETURNED TO US INDICATE THAT HE WAS MORE OR LESS LEFT ON HIS OWN RATHER THAN BEING TREATED AS A SCIENTIFIC COLLEAGUE WITH VALUABLE EXPERTISE. EMBASSY IS ALREADY AWARE OF CONFUSION CONCERNING AKERLOF FAMILY DEPARTURE FROM USSR. EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT BOTH AEC AND FERMI NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LABORATORY HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO INCORPORATE SOVIET EXPERIMENTERS INTO US SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AS COLLEAGUES AND WELCOMED MEMBERS.

(C) FAST BREEDER REACTORS. AEC CONSIDERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US EXPERTS TO VISIT SOVIET INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES INVOLVED IN FABRICATION AND TESTING OF BREEDER COMPONENTS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. AEC RECOGNIZES THAT ACCESS TO THESE FACILITIES INVOLVES APPROVAL OF OTHER MINISTRIES. HOWEVER, CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COOPERATION AND EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT LEVEL, SUCH ACCESS NECESSARY FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

2. RE WASTE DISPOSAL PARA 2 REFTEL. AEC IS INTERESTED
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IN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING HIGH-LEVEL WASTE; HOWEVER IN VIEW OF PAST SOVIET RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC, AEC DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE TO PRESS THIS POINT WITH PETROSYANTS.

3. SUPERCONDUCTING TRANSMISSION AND ENERGY STORAGE ARE AREAS THAT ARE COVERED UNDER US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT OF 1974 WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE SCAE AND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT

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BE APPROPRIATE TOPICS TO BRING UP WITH PETROSYANTS.

4. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSURE PETROSYANTS THAT TRANSFORMATION OF AEC INTO ERDA, SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 19, 1975, WILL NOT REPEAT NOT AFFECT THE CONTINUITY OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

FYI - EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SOVIET MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRY IS NEGOTIATING WITH BROWN & ROOT FOR A SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY FIRST VICE MINISTER V.V. KROTOV TO VISIT A NUMBER OF US INDUSTRIES INVOLVED IN MANUFACTURING OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS FOR THE STATED PURPOSE OF PURCHASING COMPONENTS IN THE US AND HAVE BROWN & ROOT SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR PLANTS IN USSR. SOVIETS APPARENTLY ALSO INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING US TECHNOLOGY FOR MANUFACTURING IN USSR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COMPONENTS AND POSSIBLY FUEL. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER SCAE IS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED. END FYI. KISSINGER

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